GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR BPL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide cheap and durable houses for the people living below poverty line in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have sent any proposals to the Union Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented and the criteria fixed for providing houses to the eligible persons;

(g) whether the Government have set up Rural Training Centres for construction of low cost houses through HUDCO; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and number of beneficiaries, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing an Integrated Rural Housing Scheme (by merging the earlier Indira Awaas Yojana and its allied programmes) under which grants are provided for construction of houses @ of Rs. 20,000/- in plain areas and Rs. 22,000/- in the hilly/difficult areas to the people living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas. Under the scheme quality houses are to be constructed by the identified beneficiaries themselves.

(c) to (f) It is an allocation-based scheme and funds are allocated on year to year basis. State-wise targets are fixed on the basis of poverty ratio and housing shortage on equal weightage. District-wise targets are fixed in the proportion of rural SC/ST population and housing shortage in a district to the total rural SC/ST population and housing shortage in the State/UT on equal weightage. The scheme is being implemented on continuing basis and the objective of the Government is to end all shelterlessness in the rural areas by the end of the 10th Five Year Plan.

(g) to (h) The Scheme of setting up of Rural Building Centres is being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development through the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) with the objective of technology transfer and information dissemination, skill upgradation through training and production of cost-effective and environment-friendly material component. So far, 56 Rural Building Centres have been set up all over the country. State-wise details are annexed.

Annexure as referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6168 due for reply on 7.8.2002

SL No. Name of the State/Uts Number of Rural Building Centre sanctioned

1. Andhra Pradesh 6

2. Assam 1

3. Bihar 3

4. Goa 1

5. Gujarat 17
6. Haryana 1

7 Himachal Pradesh 4

8. Jammu & Kashmir 2

9. Karnataka 5
10. Kerala 1
11. Madhya Pradesh 4
12. Maharashtra 2
13. Orissa 5
14. Rajasthan 1
15. Tamil Nadu 2
16. Uttar Pradesh 1

Total 56